

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Donald Kendall Drummond
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned Group No.: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Herewith Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: The use of Calcium Carbonate in an Acidic Aqueous Media

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b) of pending prior application, Serial no. 08/774,662, filed December 30, 1996 of Donald Kendall Drummond entitled:

THE USE OF CALCIUM CARBONATE IN AN ACIDIC AQUEOUS MEDIA

The following amendments to the text of the specification and claims are made:

I. In the Specification

Amend as follows:

- (A) Please insert before the first line the sentence

"This is a divisional application of USSN 08/774,662, filed December 30, 1996, now pending."

II. In the claims

Amend as follows:

- (A) Please cancel, in this application, Claims 2-16, of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

Claims 1 and 17-24 will then be before the Examiner for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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